

SPECIAL BULLETIN

INSIGHTS: 107TH Congress - Week of September 17, 2001

Due to the tragedy of last Tuesday, September 11, Congress focused its attention on national security issues. As a result, a number of energy related hearings scheduled for last week were postponed and no bills of interest were introduced.

At this point, information on Congressional activity is limited to the following scheduling items:

HOUSE

- ***HEARING - SEPTEMBER 20*** Committee on Government Reform, Dan Burton (R/IN)
Proposal to elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to cabinet-level status
10:00 a.m., Room 2154, Rayburn Office Building
- ***HEARING - SEPTEMBER 21*** Committee on Energy and Commerce, Billy Tauzin (R/LA)
Electric Transmission Policy: Regional Transmission Organizations
2:00 p.m., Room 2123, Rayburn Office Building
- ***NAMING OF CONFEREES FOR FY 2002 APPROPRIATION BILLS*** This week, Bill Young (R/FL), Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations plans to name House members to conference committees to negotiate with the Senate on five bills that have passed both chambers:
 - Interior and Related Agencies
 - Energy and Water Development
 - Transportation and Related Agencies
 - Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies
 - Treasury, U.S. Postal Service, and General Government

Conference negotiations may begin as early as September 17 while House and Senate subcommittees and committees continue marking up remaining bills that have yet to clear either chamber. One or more continuing resolutions are expected to keep the government operational into the next fiscal year, which

begins on October 1. Funding bills ready for conference may be adjusted to reflect heightened national security concerns during the House-Senate negotiating process.